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SUBJECT: CYPRIOT REACTION TO CLIFFORD MISSION

1. WITH EXCEPTION LYSSARIDES PRESS, GREEK CYPRIOT'S  
REACTION TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CLARK GIFFORD AS PRESI-  
DENTIAL ENVOY TO VISIT GREECE, TURKEY AND CYPRUS  
HAS BEEN GENERALLY FAVORABLE. THE MISSION IS VIEWED AS  
AN EXPRESSION OF THE IMPORTANCE AND URGENCY ASCRIBED TO  
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CYPRUS PROBLEM BY CARTWE ADMINISTRATION. AS MOST GREEK  
CYPRIOTS BELIEVE THE U.S. HOLDS THE KEY TO A CYPRUS  
SOLUTION BECAUSE ONLY THE U.S. CAN BRING PRESSURE TO  
BEAR ON TURKEY, THE MISSION HAS FURTHER FUELED OPTIMISM  
GENERATED BY JANUARY 27 MAKARIOS-DENKTASH MEETING. GOC  
FOREIGN MINISTER CHRISTOPHIDES AND FORMER GREEK CYPRIOT  
NEGOTIATOR CLERIDES, IN ARRIVAL STATEMENTS AT LARNACA

AIRPORT THIS WEEKEND, ALLUDED FAVORABLY TO THE FORTH-COMING MISSION.

2. EDITORIALS IN THE PRO-GOVERNMENT AND CONSERVATIVE PRESS HAVE WELCOMED THE AMERICAN INITIATIVE. SEMI-OFFICIAL PHILELEFTHEROS AND PRO-GOC WEEKLY DEMOKRATI KI APPLAUDED APPOINTMENT OF CLIFFORD PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF THE SECRETARY'S INTERVIEW WITH AP AND UPI FEB 3 DURING WHICH HE INDICATED U.S. INITIATIVE WOULD DOVETAIL WITH UN'S EFFORTS. PRO-SAMPSON PRESS REPEATED SAME POINT, PREDICTED COMMUNISTS WOULD RESENT AMERICAN MOVE, CALLED ON GOC TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH CLIFFORD. PRO-CLERIDES SIMERINI ASSURED ITS READERS MISSION'S PURPOSE WAS NOT SIMPLY TO BRIEF OR BE BRIEFED BUT TO CARRY OUT SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS ON CYPRUS PROBLEM.

3. NO COMMUNIST ORGANS HAVE TO DATE TREATED CLIFFORD MISSION EDITORIALLY. PRO-LYSSARIDES, PSEUDO-SOCIALIST PRESS, HOWEVER, HAS KEPT UP STEADY TATOO OF CRITICISM, CALLING MISSION THREAT TO "INTERNATIONALIZATION" OF CYPRUS PROBLEM, AND ATTACKING CLIFFORD FOR SUPPORTING 1947 PARTITION PLAN FOR PALESTINE, PROMOTING POST-WAR AID TO GREECE AND TURKEY, FAVORING ESCALATION OF VIETNAM WAR, AND SUPPORTING THE GREEK JUNTA. PARTY WEEKLY ANEXARTITOS CLAIMED IT IS UNCLEAR IF CLIFFORD IS COMING TO SUGGEST A SOLUTION OR TO IMPOSE ONE; IF IT IS TO IMPOSE ANYTHING BUT UN RESOLUTIONS, HOWEVER, GOC SHOULD TELL HIM TO STAY HOME.

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4. TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS HAS COVERED CLIFFORD MISSION IN STRAIGHTFORWARD MANNER, VARIOUSLY EMPHASIZING THAT HIS EFFORTS WILL BE IN LINE WITH UN, THAT HE WILL COORDINATE WITH EC-9, AND THAT MISSION HOPES TO DETERMINE WAYS IT CAN ASSIST NEGOTIATING PROCESS. PRESS COMMENT ON MISSION HAS SO FAR BEEN LIMITED TO ONE ANODYNE COLUMN IN PRO-DENKTASH ZAMAN WHICH SAYS U.S. WILL ESTABLISH ITS NEW POLICY ON CYPRUS FOLLOWING CLIFFORD MISSION'S REPORT TO PRESIDENT CARTER AND VOICES BELIEF THAT CLIFFORD WILL SEE "REALITIES" ON CYPRUS. CRAWFORD.

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